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January 13, 2003

Ms. April J. Sands
Federal Election Commission
Office of General Counsel
999 E. Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20463

Re:

MUR 5187, Circular from FEC to Recipient Committees, Conciliation Agreement between FEC and Mattel, Inc. (Mattel), and Latham & Watkins' (L&W) letter to Lincoln Diaz-Balart for Congress Committee dated December 18, 2002

Dear Ms. Sands:

This letter, and a check payable to the U.S. Treasury for \$4,500.00 are being sent to you pursuant to the above referenced letter (copy enclosed), which we received on or around December 27, 2002, from Latham & Watkins (L&W), the Law Firm representing Mattel with MUR 5187. As you know, our Committee is not a respondent in this matter.

L&W has notified our Committee that Mattel has entered into a Conciliation Agreement with the FEC to resolve the violation of law relating to certain reimbursed contributions authorized and made by former Mattel employees, and as a result what appear to be illegal contributions made by several individuals to our Committee, and perhaps other committees which we have no knowledge of. Since Mattel has waived its right to refunds of these contributions, we are sending the funds to you, as instructed.

The L&W letter reflects the following contributors and the contribution amounts: Fermin Cuza, \$2,000.00; Ines Cuza, \$2,000.00; Alan Schwartz, \$3,000.00; and Frank Gomez, \$500.00, or an aggregate total of \$7,500.00. Please be advised that on November 13, 2000, our Committee refunded Fermin Cuza, \$1,000.00; Ines Cuza, \$1,000.00; and Alan Schwartz, \$1,000.00. Enclosed for your review are copies of the cancelled checks (numbers 1919, 1920, and 1924), and a copy of the respective Schedule B, Itemized

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Disbursements of the appropriate FEC Report previously filed by our Committee. Accordingly, the difference of \$4,500.00 is what we are disbursing to you.

I trust you will find everything to be in order, and if you should have any further questions, or desire additional information, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

Jose A. Riesco Treasurer, Lincoln Diaz-Balart for Congress Committee

## **Enclosures**

cc: Honorable Congressman Lincoln Diaz-Balart
David J. Schindler of Latham & Watkins